

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 2026-5

Introduced By: Council President George L. Pfeffer, Jr.

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- Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:05 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:05 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:05 p.m.

By Order: George L. Pfeffer, Jr., Council President

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND.

FOR THE PURPOSE of adopting the County Budget, consisting of the Operating Budget, the Capital Budget, and the Grant Budget, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, in pursuance of the duties imposed and the authorities conferred upon the County Council by the following sections: 10-10, 10-16, and 50-5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Dorchester County; 8-108, 6-301 and 6-302 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; 10-313 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and, Article 5 of the Charter for Dorchester County, Maryland, and, after sitting as the Board of Estimates, notice having been given as required by law, do hereby levy the following taxes upon all taxable property within Dorchester County of every kind as law requires.

TAX LEVY

It is ordered that a tax be and is hereby levied on each:

- One hundred dollars' worth of all assessable **real property** in Dorchester County, subject to assessment for County purposes, of one dollar and three cents (\$1.03); and,
- One hundred dollars' worth of all assessable **personal property** in Dorchester County, subject to assessment for County purposes, of two dollars and forty-four cents (\$2.44); and,
- One hundred dollars' worth of **public utility property** subject to taxation for State purposes of twenty-eight cents (\$0.280) to pay State taxes, and,
- One hundred dollars' worth of all **other real property** subject to taxation for State purposes of eleven and two tenths' cents (\$0.112).

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It is ordered that a **tax setoff** in accordance with Section 6-306 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland is hereby granted within the municipal corporation boundaries of:
1) **City of Cambridge, Maryland**, in the amount of \$0.0733; imposing a real property tax rate of \$0.9567; and 2) **Town of Hurlock, Maryland**, in the amount of \$0.0821; imposing a real property tax rate of \$0.9479. It is further ordered that a tax be and is hereby levied on each.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that the Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby approved and adopted for such year; and funds for all expenditures for the purposes specified in the Operating Budget beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated in the amounts hereinafter specified and for the purposes hereinafter indicated as follows:

REVENUE BUDGET

GOVERNMENT FUNDS:	FY27
PROPERTY TAXES:	
REAL PROPERTY TAXES - \$1.03	40,298,500
REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY -UTILITIES	4,750,000
ADDITIONS AND ABATEMENTS	(38,000)
TAX CREDITS - HOMESTEAD	(75,000)
INTEREST & PENALTIES	60,000
TAX CREDITS -9-C CREDIT	(37,000)
TAX CREDITS - ENTERPRISE ZONE	(32,000)
TAX CREDITS - SHORELINE EROSION	(58,000)
SHORE EROSION BENEFIT CHARGE	(10,000)
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOTS)	182,250
TAX CREDIT – FIREFIGHTERS TAX CREDIT	(82,000)
TAX CREDITS - SENIORS	(24,500)
TAX CREDITS - DISABLED VETS	(18,000)
PILOT-CHESAPEAKE & FOREST ACRES	715,000
Subtotal	45,631,250
INCOME TAXES:	
INCOME TAX - 3.3% LOCAL	25,255,820
Subtotal	25,255,820
OTHER TAXES:	
RECORDATION TAX	4,750,000
911 TELEPHONE FEES - \$4.25	2,560,000
MOBILE HOME TAXES	140,000
HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX	455,000
ADMISSION & AMUSEMENT	1,000
STATE TRS GRANT	154,460
Subtotal	8,060,460

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

FILING FEES-VEHICLE & BOAT	150
BEER, WINE & LIQUOR LICENSES	125,000
TRADERS, PINBALL, BINGO	18,500
SEAFOOD BUYERS PERMIT	150
MARRIAGE LICENSES	1,780
DOG LICENSES	100
ZONING PERMIT FEES	250,000
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	250,000
HVACR PERMIT FEES	20,000
ELECTRICAL LICENSING FEES	16,000
PLUMBING LICENSING FEES	20,000
ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES	15,500
PLUMBING PERMIT FEES	20,000

Subtotal	737,180
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FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AID:

BLACKWATER WILDLIFE REFUGE PILOT	55,000
OTHER STATE AID	18,000
JUROR REIMBURSEMENT	40,000
SOIL CONSERVATIONS	47,000
STATE AID POLICE PROTECTION	160,000
DISPARITY GRANT	4,159,010
508 FIRE, RESCUE & AMBULANCE FUND	335,000
HIGHWAY USER REVENUES	1,662,335
FEDERAL GRANT	10,925,291
STATE GRANT	9,165,862

Subtotal	26,567,498
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SERVICE CHARGES:

TAX SALE COSTS REIMBURSEMENT	20,000
PLANNING AND ZONING FEES	25,000
ELECTION FEES	500
MOTOR VEHICLE FEE - LOCAL	2,100
SHERIFF'S FEES	27,615
DRUG TASK FORCE	105,000
SPECIAL EVENTS - 911	8,850
SPECIAL EVENTS - EMS	20,030
REIMB. - HOME DETENTION	21,500
REIMB. - MUNICIPAL DISPATCH	177,220
EMS BILLING - NET	1,850,000
ROAD OPENING PERMITS	4,850
STORMWATER MGMT. PERMITS	18,580
FOREST HARVESTING PERMITS	1,000

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GRADING PERMITS	2,500
PIPE SALES	56,740
OTHER SALES	10,450
SWIMMING POOL FEES	25,000
RECREATION PROGRAM FEES	65,000
SWIMMING POOL CONCESSIONS	19,500
THENDARA	2,500
MOSQUITO CONTROL - FEES	66,000
TYLERS COVE SLIP RENT	4,200
RAGGED POINT SLIP RENT	14,300
ELLIOTTS ISLAND SLIP RENT	13,575
TRENTON STREET SLIP RENT	23,400
BACK CREEK SLIP RENT	7,150
TAYLORS ISLAND SLIP RENT	725
Subtotal	2,593,285
ALL OTHER REVENUES:	
COURT FINES & FORFEITURES	6,000
PRIN/INT - ECONOMIC DEV. LOANS	75,890
INVESTMENT REVENUE	1,061,400
RENT - TOWER	40,395
RENT - OTHER PROPERTIES	97,850
ESPP EMS SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM	749,090
ENTERPRISE FUND ADMIN CHARGE	475,000
Subtotal	2,505,625
TRANSFERS:	
PRIOR YEAR GF SURPLUS - GENERAL FUND	2,000,000
PRIOR YEAR GF SURPLUS - CAPITAL	1,000,555
TRANSFER GRANT MATCH - GENERAL FUND	1,117,309
TRANSFER GRANT MATCH - ENTERPRISE FUND	822,531
Subtotal	4,964,595
Total	116,315,713
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:	
TRANSFER TAX FUND	1,947,430
ESIC FUND	82,010
EXCISE TAX	250,000
Subtotal	2,279,440
ENTERPRISE FUNDS:	
AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND	500,765
LANDFILL ENTERPRISE FUND	10,544,026
WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICES	1,677,490
Subtotal	12,722,281
Grand Total	131,317,434

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EXPENDITURES BUDGET

FUND	GOVERNMENTAL FUND	OPERATING PERSONNEL	OPERATING EXPENSES	CAPITAL	SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS	TOTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				(Fund - 08)	(Fund - 07)	
01-0010	COUNTY COUNCIL	734,246	126,200	-	-	860,446
01-0060	LEGAL	-	250,000	-	-	250,000
01-0021	CIRCUIT COURT	240,378	95,684	-	-	336,062
01-0026	COURT REPORTER	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
07-0020	FAMILY SERVICES*	142,834	-	-	328,913	471,747
07-0024	TRUANCY REDUCTION*	462,151	-	-	97,082	559,233
01-0040	ELECTIONS	161,372	1,093,708	-	-	1,255,080
01-0050	FINANCE	1,074,478	222,300	-	-	1,296,778
01-0077	HUMAN RESOURCES	392,158	41,820	-	-	433,978
01-0088	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	471,507	122,000	89,700	-	683,207
01-0022	ORPHAN'S COURT	21,600	4,475	-	-	26,075
01-1010	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	-	1,168,250	-	-	1,168,250
01-0080	PLANNING & ZONING*	815,543	174,550	7,000	6,951,054	7,948,147
01-0023	STATE'S ATTORNEY*	1,238,317	73,021	-	-	1,311,338
01-2200	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	139,461	155,100	-	-	294,561
01-2230	OTHER ECONOMIC DEV.	-	133,000	-	-	133,000
01-2202	TOURISM*	176,305	442,500	-	-	618,805
Subtotal		6,070,350	4,117,608	96,700	7,377,049	17,661,707
SUPPLEMENTED BY GENERAL FUND:						
10-1270	AIRPORT	246,006	-	-	-	246,006
12-2200	EASTERN SHORE INNOV. CENTER	71,969	-	-	-	71,969
12-2400	ESIC DEBT	-	25,000	-	-	25,000
Subtotal		317,975	25,000	-	-	342,975
PUBLIC SAFETY:				(Fund - 08)	(Fund - 07)	
01-1130	DETENTION CENTER	5,498,002	2,445,200	428,904	-	8,372,106

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01-1151	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	106,999	28,688	-	210,110	345,797
01-1121	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	6,168,177	688,400	562,493	201,300	7,620,370
01-1111	SHERIFF'S OFFICE	6,449,512	1,288,500	1,574,700	583,125	9,907,767
01-1112	DRUG TASK FORCE	-	105,000	-	-	105,000
01-1155	ANIMAL CONTROL	239,466	268,500	-	-	507,966
01-1156	911 COMMUNICATIONS	2,085,735	766,786	1,473,250	-	4,325,771
01-1158	COMMUNICATION TOWERS	-	11,000	-	-	11,000
01-1120	VOLUNTEER FIRE & ALS	-	1,372,350	-	26,368	1,398,718
	Subtotal	20,547,891	6,974,424	4,039,347	1,020,903	32,582,565
	PUBLIC WORKS:			(Fund - 08)	(Fund - 07)	
01-1600	HIGHWAY DIVISION	1,814,484	-	867,000	-	3,213,698
01-1641	BRIDGES	-	72,500	-	-	72,500
01-1590	ENGINEERING	98,521	12,750	-	5,561,906	5,673,177
01-1639	MOWING & BUSHING	-	128,500	-	-	128,500
01-1675	PW ADMINISTRATION	303,701	421,700	-	-	816,391
01-1633	RESURFACING	-	2,285,000	-	-	2,285,000
01-1632	ROADWAYS	-	280,000	-	-	280,000
01-1642	SHOP	256,677	350,000	-	-	689,675
01-1681	SIGNS & STRIPING	-	40,000	-	-	40,000
01-1661	SNOW & ICE	-	165,000	-	-	165,000
01-1619	STATE AID PROJECTS	-	1,454,000	-	-	1,454,000
01-1631	SHOULDER WORK	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
01-1661	STORM DAMAGE	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
01-0093	COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING	-	151,200	44,300	-	195,500
01-0090	CUSTODIANS - COUNTY BUILDING	365,995	16,761	-	-	531,100
01-0092	HEALTH DEPT. BUILDING	-	15,500	-	-	15,500
01-1668	MARINE FACILITIES	-	62,850	-	-	62,850
01-1005	COUNTY PROPERTY MAINT.	-	16,000	15,000	-	31,000
	Subtotal	2,839,378	5,492,761	926,300	5,561,906	14,820,345

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RECREATION AND PARKS:				(Fund - 08)	(Fund - 07)	
01-1811	RECREATION AND PARKS	530,742	223,000	60,000	387,000	1,200,742
01-1812	LEONARDS LANE	-	47,000	-	-	47,000
01-1813	SEASONAL EMPLOYEES	151,674	-	-	-	151,674
01-1814	SWIMMING POOL	32,283	186,930	-	-	219,213
01-1830	BALL PARK	-	6,500	-	-	6,500
NEW	THENDARA	-	21,500	-	-	21,500
Subtotal		714,699	484,930	60,000	387,000	1,646,629
DEBT SERVICE:						
01-2400	DEBT SERVICE	-	5,256,526	-	-	5,256,526
01-2405	DEBT SERVICE HIGHWAYS	-	59,666	-	-	59,666
Subtotal		-	5,316,192	-	-	5,316,192
ENTERPRISE FUNDS:						
10-1270	AIRPORT	105,865	342,400	52,500	-	500,765
11-1280	SOLID WASTE	1,471,712	3,465,014	5,607,300	-	10,544,026
13-1240	WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICES	508,043	1,113,947	55,500	4,112,654	5,790,144
Subtotal		2,085,620	4,921,361	5,715,300	4,112,654	16,834,935
FIDUCIARY FUNDS:						
25-2600	OPEB TRUST FUND	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
Subtotal		2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
01-2500	EDUCATION			(Fund - 08)		
	CHESAPEAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	-	1,435,052	-	-	1,435,052
	DOR. CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION	-	27,045,025	602,500	-	27,647,525
	TEACHER PENSION	-	1,200,000	-	-	1,200,000
Subtotal		-	29,680,077	602,500	-	30,282,577
01-2500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL					
	DOR. CO. HEALTH DEPT.	-	1,018,217	-	-	1,018,217
	DOR. CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY	-	618,493	-	-	618,493
	MOSQUITO CONTROL	-	538,750	-	-	538,750

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	TAX REBATE TO MUNICIPALITIES	-	6,050	-	-	6,050
	Subtotal	-	2,181,510	-	-	2,181,510
	MISCELLANEOUS:					
01-2700	CONTINGENCY	-	750,000	-	-	750,000
	Subtotal	-	750,000	-	-	750,000
01-2600	HEALTH INSURANCE					
	RETIREES	920,000	-	-	-	920,000
	MEDICAL CLAIMS	1,800,000	-	-	-	1,800,000
	Subtotal	2,720,000	-	-	-	2,720,000
	COMMUNITY PARTNERS:				(Fund - 07)	
01-1392	DELMARVA COMMUNITY SERVICES	-	385,531	-	1,195,108	1,580,639
01-1530	NON-PROFITS	-	56,994	-	-	56,994
01-1393	SENIOR CARE	-	32,201	-	-	32,201
01-2196	MID-SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
	Subtotal	-	489,726	-	1,195,108	1,684,834
	NATURAL RESOURCES:					
01-2010	COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE	163,434	29,800	-	-	193,234
01-2020	SOIL CONSERVATION	239,612	2,000	-	-	241,612
01-2021	FOREST CONSERVATION	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
01-2090	WEED CONTROL	11,480	14,400	-	-	25,880
	Subtotal	414,526	49,200	-	-	463,726
	SPECIAL FUND REVENUE:					
19-0091	COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	183,174	976,441	119,150	-	1,278,765
19-1104	COURTHOUSE SECURITY	656,665	12,000	-	-	668,665
12-2200	EASTERN SHORE INNOV. CENTER	17,310	64,700	-	-	82,010
	Subtotal	857,149	1,053,141	119,150	-	2,029,440
	Total	38,567,588	61,535,930	11,559,297	19,654,620	131,317,435

*Portion of Operating and/or Capital Funded by Grants (See Section 5 - Grants Budget)

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SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that the following Tax Rates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby approved and adopted for such year:

TAX RATES

1. Real Property Tax revenue for fiscal year 2026-2027 is based on a rate of \$1.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation of said property, \$0.9567 per \$100 of assessed valuation of said property within the City of Cambridge, Maryland, and \$0.9479 per \$100 of assessed valuation of said property within the Town of Hurlock, Maryland, subject to taxation for County purposes, which rates are hereby enacted. A service charge based on a rate of 0.02% applied to the unpaid balance of Real Property Taxes due in December, on properties with the semi-annual tax payment option, is hereby enacted.
2. Personal Property Tax revenue for fiscal year 2026-2027 is based on a rate of \$2.44 per \$100 of assessed valuation of said property, subject to taxation for County purposes which rate is hereby enacted.
3. Local Income Tax revenue for fiscal year 2026-2027 is based on a rate of 3.30% for Maryland Taxable Income, which rate is hereby enacted.
4. Recordation Tax revenue for fiscal year 2026-2027 is based on a rate of \$5.00 per \$500 of the value of the recorded transaction, which rate is hereby enacted.
5. Transfer Tax revenue for fiscal year 2026-2027 is based on a rate of 0.75% of the actual consideration payable on the conveyance of title, with the first \$30,000 of consideration on residential property intended to be used by the buyer as an owner-occupied residence exempt from this tax, which rate is hereby enacted.
6. Trailer Court Tax revenue for fiscal year 2026-2027 is based on a rate of 15% of the charges for rental, leasing or use of any space, facilities or accommodations in or for the providing of any services provided by trailer courts or camps, which rate is hereby enacted.
7. Hotel Rental Tax revenue for fiscal year 2026-2027 is based on a rate of 5% of the value of the rental of rooms for sleeping accommodations provided to transients, which is hereby enacted.
8. Admissions and Amusement Tax revenue for fiscal year 2026-2027 is based on a rate of 0.5% of the value of the admissions, which is hereby enacted.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby approved and adopted for such fiscal year; and funds for all expenditures for the purposes specified in the Capital Budget during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and during subsequent fiscal years as specified in the Charter of Dorchester County, Maryland, are hereby appropriated in the amounts hereinafter specified for the purposes hereinafter indicated as follows:

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CAPITAL BUDGET

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
08-1156-5999	911 Communications	Radio System Lifecycle Equipment Replacement	1,473,250
Subtotal			1,473,250
10-1270-6000	Airport	Taxiway Repair	45,000
10-1270-5999	Airport	Snowplow	7,500
Subtotal			52,500
08-1005-5999	Public Works - Animal Control	Exterior AC Unit Replacements (2)	15,000
Subtotal			15,000
08-2500-6000	Board of Education	Cambridge South Dorchester HVAC	127,500
08-2500-6000	Board of Education	Maces Lane Middle Roof and HVAC	475,000
Subtotal			602,500
19-0091-5999	Circuit Court	Docket Boards	13,650
19-0091-5999	Circuit Court	Audio/Visual Equipment	15,000
19-0091-6000	Public Works - Circuit Court	Jockey pump and control (fire sprinkler system) Replacement	10,000
19-0091-6000	Public Works - Circuit Court	Chiller Replacement (phase 1 of 3)	75,000
19-0091-6000	Public Works - Circuit Court	Parking Lot Line Striping	5,500
Subtotal			119,150
08-1130-5999	Corrections	Dishwasher	15,200
08-1130-5999	Corrections	Ice Machine	19,800
08-1130-5999	Corrections	Ice Bins	2,904
08-1130-5999	Corrections	Replacement 15-Passenger Van	67,000
08-1130-5999	Corrections	HVAC Unit No. 5-7 (1 of 3)	104,000
08-1130-5999	Corrections	Control Center Boards (F-1 & F2)	220,000
Subtotal			428,904
08-0088-5999	Information Technology - COB	UPS Replacement	9,700
08-0093-6000	Public Works - COB	Parking Lot Line Striping	5,500
08-0093-6000	Public Works - COB	Finance/HR PTAC Units Replacement (2)	5,500

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08-0093-6000	Public Works - COB	Boiler replacement (phase 1 of 3)	33,300
			Subtotal
			54,000
08-1121-5999	Emergency Medical Services	Ambulance	435,000
08-1121-5999	Emergency Medical Services	Cardiac Monitor Upgrades (10 of 12)	88,476
08-1121-5999	Emergency Medical Services	Toughbooks (10)	39,018
			Subtotal
			562,494
08-0088-5999	Information Technology	Computer Refresh (100)	80,000
			Subtotal
			80,000
08-0080-5999	Planning & Zoning	Toughbooks (2)	7,000
			Subtotal
			7,000
08-1600-5999	Public Works - Highway	Skid Steer	100,000
08-1600-5999	Public Works - Highway	25-ton Equipment Trailer	55,000
08-1600-5999	Public Works - Highway	1/2-ton pickup trucks (4)	180,000
08-1600-5999	Public Works - Highway	Roadside Tractor Mower	200,000
08-1600-5999	Public Works - Highway	Forestry Mulching Head for Excavator	32,000
08-1600-5999	Public Works - Highway	10 Wheel Dump Truck w/ Attachments	300,000
			Subtotal
			867,000
08-1111-5999	Sheriff's Office	Vehicle Leases (New & Existing)	1,574,700
			Subtotal
			1,574,700
08-1811-5999	Recreation & Parks	Vehicle Replacement - Maintenance	35,000
08-1811-5999	Recreation & Parks	Reel Mower	25,000
			Subtotal
			60,000
11-1280-6000	Solid Waste	Cell 2 Construction	5,600,500
11-1280-6000	Solid Waste	Storage Shed	6,800
			Subtotal
			5,607,300
13-1240-5999	Water & Wastewater Services	Sewer Line Inspection camera & locator tool	50,000
13-1240-5999	Water & Wastewater Services	Sewer line smoke testing machine	5,500
			Subtotal
			55,500
			Total
			11,559,298

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SOURCE OF FUNDS	
General Funds	5,724,848
Airport	13,125
Landfill	6,800
Landfill Construction Account	5,600,500
Water & Wastewater Services	55,500
Transfer Tax Fund	119,150
State Fund	39,375
Federal Fund	0
Total	11,559,298

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Grants Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby approved and adopted for such fiscal year; and funds for all expenditures for the purposes specified in the Grants Budget beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing thereafter in accordance with the terms of the grant are hereby appropriated in the amounts hereinafter specified and for the purposes hereinafter indicated as follows:

GRANT BUDGET

FUNDING AGENCY - NEW	COUNTY	STATE	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Maryland Aviation Administration	13,125	39,375		52,500
Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts		1,030,980		1,030,980
Maryland Department of Transportation	385,531		1,175,108	1,560,639
Maryland Department of Aging		20,000		20,000
Federal Emergency Management Agency	264,287		767,061	1,031,348
U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development	25,000		225,000	250,000
Maryland Department of Health		227,668		227,668
Critical Areas Commission		30,000		30,000
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation			1,500,000	1,500,000
Maryland Department of Natural Resources			1,878,877	1,878,877
U.S. Department of Transportation			1,575,000	1,575,000
Federal Highway Administration	86,016		406,787	492,803
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention & Policy	43,706	668,543		712,249
Maryland Department of Tourism	200,000	35,000		235,000
Maryland Heritage Areas Authority		200,000		200,000
Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Admin.	822,531	-	3,290,123	4,112,654
Total	1,840,196	2,251,566	10,817,956	14,909,718

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FUNDING AGENCY - ONGOING	COUNTY	STATE	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Federal Emergency Management Agency			107,335	107,335
Maryland Dept. of Housing & Community Development		5,426,054		5,426,054
Maryland Energy Administration	56,644	1,076,242		1,132,886
Maryland Department of Natural Resources	43,000	412,000		455,000
Total	99,644	6,914,296	107,335	7,121,275

GRANT APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT/AGENCY	STATUS	TOTAL
AIRPORT:		
Taxiway Repair	NEW	45,000
Snowplow	NEW	7,500
		52,500
CIRCUIT COURT:		
Family Services	NEW	471,747
Truancy Reduction Program	NEW	559,233
		1,030,980
DELMARVA COMMUNITY SERVICES		
ATP	NEW	1,560,639
Senior Citizens Activities Center	NEW	20,000
		1,580,639
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
FY24 State Homeland Security Program	ONGOING	107,335
FY25 State Homeland Security Program	NEW	102,775
FY25 Emergency Management Performance Grant	NEW	128,573
		338,683
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		
Rural Health Blood Grant	NEW	201,300
		201,300
MISCELLANEOUS		
Firefighters Cancer Screening Grant	NEW	26,368
		26,368
PLANNING& ZONING:		
Critical Areas Commission	NEW	30,000
Broadband	ONGOING	5,426,054
Middle Hoopers Island Shoreline Design - North Shore	NEW	1,500,000
		6,956,054
PUBLIC WORKS:		
L-Gem (Energy) Grant	ONGOING	1,132,886
Back Creek Marina Repairs	ONGOING	25,000
IIJA - Hoopers Island Bridge over Honga	NEW	1,000,000

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IIJA - Maple Dam Bridge over Blackwater	NEW	575,000
Elliott Island Shoreline Protection at Wharf Rd	NEW	1,878,877
Federal Lands Access (FLAP)	NEW	492,803
FEMA- Wingate Marina Bulkhead	NEW	800,000
		5,904,566
REC & PARKS:		
School Street Pole Barn/Restrooms	ONGOING	150,000
Thendara Center Improvements	ONGOING	200,000
Christ Rock Fence & Renovations	ONGOING	80,000
		430,000
SHERIFF:		
State Aid for Police Protection	NEW	200,000
Body Armor (BARM)	NEW	7,500
Community Program (CGPF)	NEW	50,000
Domestic Violence (DVUP)	NEW	9,000
Gun Violence (GVRG)	NEW	15,125
Overdose Coordinator (MCIN ODAC)	NEW	56,000
Police Retention (PRAR)	NEW	13,500
School Resource Officer (SRO)	NEW	92,000
Sex Offender (SOCM)	NEW	15,000
Warrants (WAAG)	NEW	22,000
Strategic Plan for New Public Safety Building	NEW	250,000
		730,125
STATE'S ATTORNEY:		
Victim Witness Coordinator (VOCA)	NEW	187,124
MCIN Lower Shore Coalition - Attorney Position	NEW	45,000
		232,124
TOURISM:		
OTD Marketing (DMO)	NEW	35,000
MHAA Heritage Area	NEW	400,000
		435,000
WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICES		
Pump Station Rehab/Replace	NEW	4,112,654
		4,112,654
		22,030,993

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SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the FY27 Annual Budget and Appropriation for the Excise Tax Fund is as follows:

REVENUE BUDGET

New Home Construction	250,000
TOTAL	250,000

APPROPRIATION BUDGET

Schools	62,500
Roads & Transportation	62,500
Public Safety	62,500
Parks & Infrastructure	62,500
TOTAL	250,000

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that all funds appropriated herein by Dorchester County, Maryland, to any agency receiving or disbursing County funds, shall be subject to compliance with all laws, rules and regulations, and other provisions of the United States of America, State of Maryland, and Dorchester County, Maryland, regarding the receipt, disbursement, and/or accounting of funds prior to the receipt of any funds appropriated by or through the budgetary process of Dorchester County, Maryland.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the County Budget as finally adopted by this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

PASSED this ___ day of _____ 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jerry Jones, County Manager

George L. Pfeffer, Jr., President

APPROVED this ___ day of _____ 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY, MARYLAND

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